

Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Program Authority

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Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Program Authority Meeting Minutes December 14, 2021

Opening:

The meeting was called to order by Peter Voderberg, Chief of BroadbandOhio and designee of Director Mihalik, as chair at 2:02pm.

Roll Call:

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

Present:

Carolyn Kuruc – Deputy Director of InnovateOhio and designee of Lt. Governor Husted
Peter Voderberg
Gregory Sample
William Coley
William Goodenough

August 2021 Meeting Minutes:

The Chair held discussion regarding the August 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Greg Sample notified the authority that he was not a doctor and that it should be taken off the minutes. No additional discussion was had.

Subject: August 2021 Meeting Minutes Approval

Motion: Greg Sample

Second: Kuruc

Roll was called and the motion with the recommended edit was passed.

Votes:

Chairperson, Peter Voderberg- Yes

Deputy Director Kuruc- Yes

Mr. Greg Sample- Yes

Welcome:

Welcome comments were provided by Chairperson Peter Voderberg, designee for the Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalik.

Introductions:

Introductions and comments were provided by Chairperson Peter Voderberg as well as the rest of the authority members.

Review of Binder Contents:

Amy Elbaor, Deputy Chief of Grants and Special Projects for BroadbandOhio provided an overview of the documents included in the binder: a review of roles and responsibilities, a review of the Ohio Residential Expansion Grant Program update, and the House Bill 2 legislation.

Vice-Chairperson Discussion:

The Chair spoke briefly about the authority vice-chairperson position that is mandated by House Bill 2. The vice-chairperson will be elected at the next meeting. There was no discussion regarding this topic.

Ohio Ethics Training and Financial Disclosure Review:

Ben LaGrasso, Assistant Chief of Legal Services at the Ohio Department of Development discussed the mandated Ohio Ethics Training and Financial Disclosure process that is required for all authority members.

Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program Update:

Amy Elbaor, Deputy Chief of Grants and Special Projects provided the authority members with a summary of the submitted grant applications as well as a review of the grant program timeline.

Authority Bylaws:

The Chair provided an overview of the proposed authority by laws. Discussion was had on the bylaws.

Subject: Authority Bylaws Adoption
Motion: Mr. Greg Sample
Second: Mr. William Goodenough
Roll was called and the motion passed.

Votes:

Chairperson, Peter Voderberg- Yes
Deputy Director Kuruc- Yes
Mr. Greg Sample- Yes
Mr. William Coley- Yes
Mr. William Goodenough- Yes

Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program Year End Report:

Amy Elbaor, the Deputy Chief of Grants and Special Projects provided an overview of the year end report. Discussion was had regarding the program and the report.

Subject: Year End Report Approval
Motion: Mr. Gregory Sample
Second: Mr. William Goodenough
Roll was called and the motion was passed.

Votes:

Chairperson, Peter Voderberg- Yes
Deputy Director Kuruc- Yes
Mr. Greg Sample- Yes
Mr. William Coley- Yes
Mr. William Goodenough- Yes

Next Steps:

The Chair discussed the timeframe of the upcoming meetings in the new year and what the meetings would entail.

Closing Remarks:

Closing remarks were provided by the Chair. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.